

The Federal Refugee Act of 1980 created a uniform system of services for refugees resettled in the United States. As such, each newly arriving refugee is entitled to a comprehensive health exam within the first 30 days after arriving in the United States. The primary goal of the Utah Department of Health, Refugee Health Program is to offer health screening related services to all newly arriving refugees in Utah.

In addition to providing services related to the comprehensive health exam, the Program continues to focus special attention on improving the availability of well-trained and culturally appropriate medical interpreters. Each year, medical interpreter training is offered, free of charge to interpreters throughout the state.

Other services provided through the Program include: cultural competency training; refugee related brochures translated into commonly seen languages; preventive health for refugee women and children; and case management of refugees diagnosed with a communicable disease.